## **CLAIMS**

- 5 1. A composition comprising:
  - a) a pyridylethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)

$$(X)_{p}$$

$$(Y)_{q}$$

$$(I)$$

in which:

- p is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;
- each substituent X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl or haloalkyl;
  - each substituent Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, amino, phenoxy, alkylthio, dialkylamino, acyl, cyano, ester, hydroxy, aminoalkyl, benzyl, haloalkoxy, halosulphonyl, halothioalkyl, alkoxyalkenyl, alkylsulphonamide, nitro, alkylsulphonyl, phenylsulphonyl or

as to the N-oxides of 2-pyridine thereof;

and

benzylsulphonyl;

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- b) a compound capable of inhibiting the spores germination or mycelium growth by acting on different metabolic routes;
  - in a (a) / (b) weight ratio of from 0.01 to 20.
  - 2. A composition according to claim 1, characterised in that p is 2.
- 25 3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that q is or 2.
  - 4. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 3, characterised in that X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.

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- 5. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 4, characterised in that X is chosen independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl group.
- 6. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 5, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.
  - 7. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 6, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl group.
  - 8. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is:
  - N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide;
  - N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-iodobenzamide; or
  - N-{2-[3,5-dichloro-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide.

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- 9. A composition according to claim 8, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide.
  - 10. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the spores germination or mycelium growth by acting on different metabolic routes is a dicarboximide derivative.
- 11. A composition according to claim 10, characterised in that the dicarboximide derivative is chlozolinate, iprodione, procymidone or vinclozolin.
- 12. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the spores germination or mycelium growth by acting on different metabolic routes is a phthalimide derivative.
  - 13. A composition according to claim 12, characterised in that the phthalimide derivative is captafol, captan, folpet or thiochlorfenphim.

- A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the 14. compound capable of inhibiting the spores germination or mycelium growth by acting on different metabolic routes is 2-butoxy-6-iodo-3-propyl-benzopyran-4-one, 2,6-dichloro-N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}benzamide,  $N-[\alpha-(cyclopropylmethoxyimino)-2,3-difluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-2-$ 5 phenylacetamide, (RS)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[3-methoxy-4-(prop-2ynyloxy)phenethyl]-2-(prop-2-ynyloxy)acetamide, 6-iodo-2-propoxy-3propylquinazolin-4(3H)-one, benalaxyl, benthiavalicarb, chlorothalonil, copper hydroxide, copper oxychloride, copper sulfate, copper sulfate (tribasic), cuprous oxide, cymoxanil, diclomezine, dichlofluanid, dithianon, dimethomorph, dodine, 10 ethaboxam, fenpiclonil, fentin, ferbam, fluazinam, fludioxonil, flusulfamide, guazatine, iminoctadine, mancopper, mancozeb, maneb, metalaxyl, metalaxyl-M, metiram, methasulfocarb, nabam, nickel bis(dimethyldithiocarbamate), iprovalicarb, oxine-copper, propamocarb, propineb, quinoxyfen, sulfur, silthiofam, thiram, 15 tolylfluanid, triazoxide, validmaycin, zineb, ziram, phosphorous acid or fosetyl-Al.
  - 15. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 14 further comprising a fungicidal compound (c).
  - 16. A composition according to claim 15, characterised in that the fungicidal compound (c) is selected from diethofencarb, hexaconazole, cyprodinil, tebuconazole and bromuconazole.

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- 25 17. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 16, characterised in that it further comprises an agriculturally acceptable support, carrier, filler and/or surfactant.
- 18. A method for preventively or curatively controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterised in that an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 17 is applied to the seed, the plant and/or to the fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.